

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-38 were originally presented and claim 39 was previously added by amendment. Claims 2, 8, and 14 have been canceled and claims 1, 12, 18, 21, 22, 28, 32, 33, 35, and 39 are herein amended. Therefore, claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, and 15-39 are currently pending, with claims 1, 12, 18, 21, 22, 32, and 39 being in independent form.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for his time and attention courteously extended to Applicants' representative, Kameron Kelly, during the in-person interview conducted on June 7, 2007. During the interview, the Examiner and Applicants' representative were able to discuss and agree upon claim amendments that overcome all the rejections presented in the Office Action of April 19, 2007.

In this Amendment, the claims have been amended as proposed in the interview of June 7, 2007. As discussed during the interview, the prior art of record fails to disclose all the limitations of the pending claims, as amended. Further, it would not be obvious to modify the prior art of record to arrive at Applicants' claimed invention. Therefore, Applicants submit that all the rejections presented in the Office Action of April 19, 2007, have been overcome.

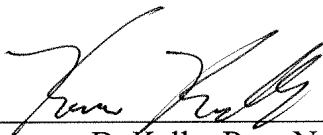
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In view of the foregoing, the present application should now be in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (800) 445-3460. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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